



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Idaho Livestock Looks Good, Warm Weather Continues

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 11% very poor, 21% poor, 33% fair, 32% good, and 3% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 27 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region and a high temperature of 84 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 6 degrees to 12 degrees above normal. Most harvests were completed across the state. Winter wheat planting activity was coming to an end in many areas. Much of the winter wheat had emerged. Dry bean harvest was mostly complete across the state. Idaho had unseasonably warm weather again this week. The warm weather kept the sugarbeet harvest slow, but progress was better than the previous week. The weather also helped the farmers to mostly finish up other harvests. Caribou County reported all the potatoes were harvested. There was little corn silage harvest left to do and the fourth cutting of alfalfa was almost complete. Franklin County reported the warm weather allowed farmers to complete many fall tillage operations, and nearly complete the corn harvest. Camas County reported great excitement over the rain received in the southern region. Idaho livestock looked to be in very good condition going into fall and winter. Cattle looked very good. Calves were starting to be weaned and cows moved onto fall pasture. Overall Idaho crops continued to be in good condition as the state moved through the fall season.

## Precipitation Needed for Winter Wheat Seeding in Washington

There were 6.8 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 22% very poor, 22% poor, 24% fair, 28% good and 4% excellent. Recent rains produced more pasture for grazing throughout western Washington. Subsoil continued to be very dry. Water shortages continued for some cranberry farms. Some summer harvest grain fields were left unharvested due to drought conditions this summer. Green chop and haylage continued to be harvested during the week. Some reports indicated raspberry plants being removed from fields and being prepped for new spring plantings. Raspberry fields were pruned and tied. Seed crops continued to show good growth. Above average temperatures with little to no precipitation prevailed throughout central Washington. Winter wheat seedings were in need of rain with planting near completion. Livestock were reported to be in good shape. Field crews were harvesting late maturing apples. Orchard clean up and winter prep activities were seen throughout Yakima County. Vegetable fields were being put to rest for the season with tillage as well as black plastic and irrigation tubing being picked up. Some orchard tear-out was noticed in the lower Yakima Valley amounting to a few hundred acres. Temperatures were slightly above normal with very little precipitation throughout the eastern Washington district. Reports from the southeast district reported needing rain for winter wheat plantings.

## **Most Counties in Need of Rain for Fall Planted Crops to Germinate in Oregon**

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 29% very poor, 38% poor, 26% fair, and 7% good. In the northwestern region, there was little rain reported. Pastures were still improving if not overgrazed. Fall grains held off planting until they saw a consistent rain forecast. Some clover for seed had to be replanted. Dry conditions continued in Lane County. Filbert and wine grape harvest was nearing completion. Fall applications of herbicide was applied to grass seed and newly planted wheat. Tomato crops were going strong. Temperatures were still warm enough to quickly dry out the soil. Linn County reported a few rain showers, but not enough to benefit the extreme dry conditions. Pastures were in very poor condition and livestock producers were feeding more feed than normal, including feeding this winter's supply this fall. Grass seed fields were not seeing positive growth and were in need of a couple of inches of rain to see benefits. In Washington County, haying finished, cover crops were growing or were plowed under, and fall grain was seeded or was prepared for seeding. Walnut and filbert harvest continued. Berries and sweet corn were done. Nurseries irrigated or dug arborvitae and prepared for winter. Pastures were rotated. Low temperature was 41 degrees Fahrenheit with a high temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit. The north central region reported mostly dry, warm conditions which provided an opportunity for growers to conduct postharvest clean up throughout the valley. Morrow County reported wheat producers began planting next year's winter wheat crop. Conditions were exceedingly dry. Some producers were dusting in seed. Sherman and Wasco County reported trucks were lined up at the local seed plant for the first time. Much of the early planted seed emerged and was doing well. Baker County started seeing some moisture for the area. Potato harvest was complete and winter wheat planting was winding down. Many producers were concerned about the 2016 wheat crop due to lack of moisture. Calves were weaned and ready to ship. Lake County reported some precipitation over the weekend. Fall planting was underway. In the southwestern region, Coos County and the northern portion of Curry County remained at D3 drought levels and received only a trace of precipitation. Water in creeks and rivers were below late fall levels. Cattle continued to be shipped to feedlots. Douglas County reported warm and dry temperatures which allowed late apple and pear varieties to mature and early harvest was underway. Above normal temperatures continued to stress non-irrigated crops. Fall planted crops were in need of rain to germinate. Fall grass seed, grains, and turf were passing their optimum planting dates. Fall dug nursery crop lifting would begin soon.

## Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/18/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	11	42	41	6
Oregon .....	38	42	20	-
Washington.....	25	42	32	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	13	41	46	-
Oregon .....	43	44	13	-
Washington.....	23	43	34	-

- Represents zero.

## Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	-	12	82	6
Washington.....	2	3	41	45	9

- Represents zero.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: October 12 - October 18, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>NORTH</b>													
Coeur d' Alene .....	38	74	56	+7	41	+36	0.00	-0.34	0	0.51	-1.39	27	7
Fenn .....	38	77	57	+8	50	+37	0.01	-0.58	1	1.97	-1.60	55	11
Lewiston .....	45	79	62	+10	84	+64	0.00	-0.21	0	0.72	-0.63	53	7
Bonnars Ferry .....	34	69	51	+6	12	+11	0.00	-0.33	0	0.57	-1.36	30	7
Nezperce .....	36	76	55	+9	36	+32	0.01	-0.34	1	1.35	-0.75	64	13
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise .....	38	82	61	+8	76	+51	0.31	+0.17	3	1.56	+0.43	138	19
Emmett .....	37	79	58	+6	58	+34	0.14	-0.05	1	0.76	-0.36	68	8
Glenns Ferry .....	36	84	60	+10	74	+58	0.03	-0.11	2	1.10	+0.25	129	7
Grand View .....	35	82	58	+7	58	+40	0.45	+0.38	2	1.11	+0.27	132	7
Nampa .....	40	81	60	+9	71	+53	0.15	+0.01	3	0.62	-0.21	75	8
Parma .....	37	80	59	+9	61	+47	0.14	+0.00	2	0.57	-0.44	56	8
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield.....	26	79	53	+7	22	+20	0.25	+0.09	2	1.63	+0.56	152	8
Malta.....	27	83	56	+9	45	+36	0.06	-0.11	1	0.86	-0.52	62	7
Picabo.....	32	79	58	+13	55	+55	0.18	-0.03	2	1.41	+0.25	122	9
Rupert.....	33	80	58	+9	55	+43	0.13	-0.01	2	0.59	-0.42	58	7
Twin Falls .....	37	81	60	+12	71	+60	0.22	+0.05	1	0.63	-0.41	61	6
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	32	79	57	+12	51	+49	0.18	-0.03	1	1.11	-0.20	85	5
Ashton .....	29	78	54	+10	35	+35	0.39	+0.09	1	1.52	-0.40	79	7
Fort Hall .....	32	79	56	+11	44	+41	0.19	-0.04	2	1.22	-0.18	87	5
Idaho Falls .....	31	77	55	+10	38	+36	0.10	-0.11	1	1.25	-0.04	97	8
Lava Hot Springs .....	31	75	54	+8	34	+28	0.10	-0.11	1	3.68	+2.12	236	9
Montevieu .....	31	74	52	+8	21	+21	0.00	-0.14	0	0.26	-0.71	27	8
Preston .....	34	79	58	+11	55	+49	0.07	-0.32	2	2.85	+0.58	126	10
Rexburg .....	28	77	53	+9	20	+20	0.07	-0.19	1	1.21	-0.25	83	5

## Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	89	75	90	88
Winter wheat emerged .....	62	38	53	48
Potatoes harvested .....	87	76	93	91
Sugarbeets harvested .....	41	36	45	45
Field corn harvested for grain .....	46	35	51	22
Field corn harvested for silage .....	92	84	94	86
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	75	67	81	80

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: October 12 - October 18, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	38	71	55	+5	34	+25	0.24	-0.45	2	3.62	+0.45	114	18	
Everett.....	48	68	57	+6	48	+35	0.16	-0.54	3	3.33	-0.41	89	21	
Hoquiam.....	48	71	57	+5	53	+29	0.23	-1.08	4	5.03	-0.83	86	19	
Kelso.....	43	72	59	+7	66	+42	0.03	-0.73	1	1.89	-2.20	46	14	
Olympia.....	37	71	55	+6	40	+32	0.10	-0.77	3	2.34	-1.62	59	15	
Sea-Tac.....	48	70	58	+5	55	+35	0.32	-0.35	2	2.67	-0.45	86	14	
Shelton.....	36	71	55	+4	38	+23	0.35	-0.73	3	5.20	+0.32	107	20	
Tacoma.....	40	69	56	+5	45	+29	0.12	-0.56	2	2.26	-0.99	70	15	
Vancouver.....	45	81	60	+6	74	+43	0.07	-0.52	2	1.77	-1.23	59	14	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	32	76	56	+8	40	+37	0.12	-0.02	1	0.19	-0.54	26	5	
Omak.....	42	72	57	+9	51	+47	0.05	-0.09	1	0.23	-0.67	26	3	
Stampede Pass.....	31	60	46	+4	1	+1	0.55	-0.76	3	5.80	-1.40	81	18	
Wenatchee.....	44	76	62	+11	84	+69	0.08	+0.01	1	0.53	-0.08	87	4	
Yakima AP.....	38	80	60	+11	70	+64	0.23	+0.09	1	0.27	-0.38	42	4	
NORTHEAST														
Colville.....	38	72	56	+10	43	+41	0.00	-0.23	0	1.00	-0.58	63	10	
Deer Park.....	29	76	55	+10	37	+37	0.11	-0.23	1	0.65	-1.30	33	9	
Kettle Falls.....	36	72	54	+7	28	+25	0.11	-0.17	1	0.83	-1.03	45	10	
Spokane.....	41	75	58	+11	57	+54	0.01	-0.20	1	0.76	-0.49	61	7	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	42	77	61	+9	75	+58	0.05	-0.05	1	0.30	-0.28	52	6	
Lind.....	38	75	58	+8	58	+47	0.10	-0.05	1	0.75	-0.14	84	7	
Moses Lake.....	37	78	58	+6	55	+38	0.00	-0.10	0	0.23	-0.35	40	6	
Quincy.....	35	74	58	+8	59	+48	0.08	-0.04	1	0.73	+0.06	109	9	
Ritzville.....	41	75	58	+9	58	+49	0.03	-0.18	1	1.04	+0.00	100	7	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	43	77	61	+7	79	+48	0.00	-0.09	0	0.09	-0.45	17	3	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	44	80	62	+13	86	+76	0.00	-0.21	0	0.90	-0.20	82	5	
Pasco.....	37	80	59	+5	61	+30	0.06	-0.08	1	0.29	-0.37	44	8	
Pullman.....	37	81	57	+9	54	+47	0.00	-0.31	0	0.90	-0.68	57	5	
Silcott Island.....	47	82	63	+12	96	+76	0.00	-0.21	0	0.57	-0.78	42	5	
Walla Walla.....	47	78	61	+6	77	+43	0.03	-0.35	1	1.10	-0.58	65	10	
Whitman Mission.....	35	85	59	+9	60	+50	0.08	-0.14	1	1.14	-0.10	92	11	

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/18/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	82	80	92	92
Winter wheat emerged.....	62	60	69	72
Potatoes harvested.....	92	75	89	86
Field corn dented.....	94	90	92	91
Field corn mature.....	67	52	68	64
Field corn harvested for grain.....	36	28	34	30
Field corn harvested for silage.....	93	87	84	77
Onions harvested.....	97	92	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	85	81	76	81

(NA) Not available.

# Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: October 12 - October 18, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria .....	43	77	59	+7	67	+47	0.37	-0.80	3	3.76	-1.47	72	19	
Bandon .....	47	72	58	+4	55	+27	0.02	-0.75	2	1.28	-1.99	39	12	
Florence .....	45	75	58	+4	57	+28	0.03	-1.08	1	1.73	-2.99	37	9	
North Bend.....	46	77	59	+5	62	+30	0.00	-0.93	0	0.50	-3.19	14	3	
Tillamook .....	41	77	59	+7	64	+46	0.25	-1.24	2	3.16	-3.89	45	15	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	44	81	61	+8	77	+53	0.10	-0.60	3	1.51	-1.84	45	13	
Corvallis .....	42	79	60	+6	69	+43	0.10	-0.51	2	2.01	-0.78	72	11	
Detroit Lake .....	42	83	61	+8	76	+46	0.17	-1.13	2	2.49	-3.65	41	14	
Eugene .....	41	77	59	+7	62	+41	0.02	-0.63	1	0.96	-1.95	33	9	
Hillsboro.....	40	79	59	+5	61	+32	0.14	-0.39	2	1.46	-1.29	53	15	
McMinnville .....	42	83	61	+8	80	+55	0.09	-0.52	2	1.65	-1.07	61	13	
Portland .....	47	80	62	+8	83	+52	0.05	-0.54	2	1.69	-1.31	56	14	
Salem .....	45	82	62	+9	84	+60	0.04	-0.58	1	1.37	-1.42	49	9	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass .....	43	89	64	+10	98	+65	0.09	-0.31	2	0.32	-1.41	18	6	
Medford .....	43	92	66	+12	117	+77	0.03	-0.23	1	0.28	-1.09	20	5	
Roseburg .....	47	87	65	+9	106	+58	0.20	-0.25	1	0.67	-1.35	33	7	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon .....	39	77	58	+10	56	+49	0.28	+0.07	2	1.23	+0.04	103	13	
Echo .....	37	82	58	+7	60	+40	0.01	-0.13	1	0.38	-0.41	48	5	
Heppner .....	41	77	59	+7	65	+47	0.02	-0.20	1	0.40	-0.83	33	7	
Hermiston .....	38	80	59	+7	64	+44	0.02	-0.12	1	0.43	-0.36	54	6	
Madras.....	38	76	56	+7	42	+30	0.23	+0.09	1	0.32	-0.53	38	5	
Moro .....	39	72	57	+8	49	+39	0.09	-0.09	1	0.23	-0.69	25	5	
Parkdale .....	39	74	56	+8	47	+38	0.10	-0.38	2	1.88	-0.28	87	9	
Pendleton .....	40	78	58	+6	58	+37	0.03	-0.18	1	0.87	-0.25	78	8	
Prairie City .....	29	88	58	+14	54	+54	0.23	+0.02	1	1.09	-0.42	72	10	
The Dalles .....	43	79	62	+7	83	+51	0.00	-0.21	0	0.12	-0.84	13	3	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake .....	26	84	55	+9	38	+34	0.60	+0.37	2	0.96	-0.15	86	5	
Bend .....	35	77	56	+9	41	+34	0.22	+0.08	2	0.74	-0.03	96	7	
Burns .....	30	83	57	+13	49	+49	0.04	-0.10	2	0.63	-0.23	73	9	
Christmas Valley .....	24	85	55	+10	36	+34	0.45	+0.31	3	0.72	-0.13	85	9	
Klamath Falls .....	33	85	58	+11	60	+51	0.58	+0.44	2	0.66	-0.21	76	4	
Lakeview.....	31	86	58	+10	55	+45	0.10	-0.11	1	0.66	-0.64	51	8	
Lorella.....	26	89	56	+9	41	+34	0.03	-0.18	1	0.26	-0.79	25	4	
Redmond .....	30	79	53	+4	25	+9	0.31	+0.17	2	0.48	-0.16	75	6	
Worden .....	31	85	57	+10	53	+44	0.73	+0.59	1	0.95	+0.28	142	3	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City .....	28	81	54	+7	27	+22	0.15	+0.03	1	0.96	-0.08	92	8	
Joseph .....	36	79	56	+10	44	+40	0.01	-0.24	1	0.92	-0.79	54	7	
La Grande.....	34	81	57	+8	50	+39	0.14	-0.14	1	1.03	-0.42	71	7	
Imbler.....	33	80	57	+9	47	+39	0.10	-0.25	2	1.00	-0.83	55	9	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario.....	35	81	59	+8	61	+45	0.11	-0.03	1	0.61	-0.12	84	7	
Rome.....	36	87	62	+12	82	+69	0.00	-0.14	0	0.95	+0.09	110	5	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	60	48	82	74
Winter wheat emerged.....	18	4	34	31
Potatoes harvested.....	93	89	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	44	26	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	74	54	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage .....	85	83	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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